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This is the Promise of Allah

On the 1st of Ramadan, six years ago, the return of the Islamic Khilafah was announced after centuries of its true removal from the world. Shaykh Mujahid Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi (may Allah accept him) was chosen to be the Imam of Muslims, and the name "Islamic State" was given to the entity that contains the jama'ah (the body of Muslims united behind a Muslim leader) inside it, who obey the imam who rules them by the Shari'ah of Allah the Exalted.

Shaykh Mujahid Abu Muhammad al-'Adnani (may Allah accept him) clarified this in his audio message titled, "This Is the Promise of Allah", in which he declared the reasons for its establishment. He explained that this major event, about which Ahul-Hal wal-'Aqd in the Islamic State made ijtihad, came after studying the reality and researching the Shari'ah ruling in its regard. He said, may Allah accept him: "Allah the Exalted ordered us with jihad and promised us with victory but He did not make us responsible for victory. Indeed, Allah the Exalted blessed you today with this victory, thus we announced the Khilafah in compliance with the order of Allah the Exalted. We announced it because, by Allah's grace, we have its essentials. By Allah's permission, we are capable of establishing the Khilafah. So we carry out the order of Allah the Exalted and we are justified, if Allah wills, and we do not care thereafter what happens, even if we only remain for one day or one hour, and to Allah belongs the matter before and after. If Allah the Exalted causes the Khilafah to remain and gain strength, then such is by His grace and bounty alone, for victory is only from Him. And if it vanishes and weakens, then know that such is from ourselves and because of our deeds. We will defend it, if Allah wills, as long as it exists and as long as one of us remains, and if it vanishes we will bring it back, if Allah wills, upon the methodology of prophethood."

He also clarified, may Allah accept him, the reasons for choosing Shaykh Mujahid Ibrahim bin 'Awwad al-Badri as the Imam for Muslims, where he fulfilled the conditions of Shari'ah imamah, which the scholars stated about this issue. He was a Muslim, adult, sane, just, wise, knowledgeable in Shari'ah, a mujahid for the sake of Allah the Exalted, and possessing Qurayshi lineage. Also, he was enabled on the land in which the Islamic State was established and on which the jama'ah of Muslims lived, and his rule was established on them. He (may Allah accept him) said: "The Khalifah Ibrahim (may Allah preserve him) has fulfilled all the conditions for Khilafah mentioned by the scholars. He was given bay'ah in Iraq by the people of authority in the Islamic State as the successor to Abu 'Umar al-Baghdadi (may Allah have mercy upon him). His authority has expanded over wide areas in Iraq and Sham. The land now submits to his order and authority from Aleppo to Diyala."

The spokesman for the Islamic State (may Allah accept him) made it clear to his mujahid brothers what awaits them, good or bad, after they committed to a matter that shook the entire world, and enraged the tawaghit Arabs and non-Arabs, and caused kufr in its entirety to gather together to prevent it and destroy it. He said: "O soldiers of the Islamic State, you will be facing malahim (fierce battles) that cause the children's hair to become grey. You will be facing fitan (tribulations) and hardships of many different colors. You will be facing tests and quakes. No one will survive them except he whom Allah grants mercy. No one will be firm during these fitan except one whom Allah keeps firm. The worst of these fitan is that of the dunya (worldly life). So be wary of competing over it. Be wary. Remember the greatest responsibility that is now on your backs. You are now the defenders of the land of Islam and its guards. You will not be able to preserve this trust and defend this land, except by fearing Allah secretly and publicly, then by sacrificing, being patient, and offering blood."

He called upon them to preserve the Islamic State, for the sake of whose establishment their predecessor brothers spilled their bloods. They promised each other to keep its banner high, so the muwahhidin fight under it at all times and Muslims from everywhere gather under it. He said: "O soldiers of the Islamic State, it is from the great blessings of Allah upon you that He allowed you to reach this day and witness this victory, which did not arrive except by the grace of Allah (the Exalted) and then by the blood and corpses of thousands of your brothers who preceded you from the best of mankind. We consider them such and Allah is their judge, and we do not presume to know better than Him. They are those who carried this banner and under it sacrificed everything. They offered everything generously, even their souls, to pass on this great banner to you. Indeed, they did so. May Allah have mercy upon them and reward them with every good on behalf of Islam. So protect this great trust. Raise this banner with strength. Water it with your blood. Raise it upon your corpses. Die under it, until you pass it on, if Allah wills, to 'Isa (Jesus) the son of Maryam (Mary), peace be upon him."

Here the years have passed with all their pride and enablement to Muslims, and the establishment of their religion on land, and the resulting war by the mushrikin. We have seen, with certainty, the truth of the promise of Allah the Exalted to His faithful worshipers in terms of victory and enablement on land. He the Exalted says: "Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [to authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient" (An-Nur: 55).

He the Exalted has taught us the truth of His promise when He says: "Or do you think that you will enter Paradise while such [trial] has not yet come to you as came to those who passed on before you? They were touched by poverty and hardship and were shaken until [even their] messenger and those who believed with him said, 'When is the help of Allah?' Unquestionably, the help of Allah is near" (Al-Baqarah: 214).

All the tribulations and trials that we have been through only increased our faith and submission, just as they had done so to the Prophet (PBUH) and his companions. Allah the Exalted says: "There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often. And when the believers saw the companies, they said, 'This is what Allah and His Messenger had promised us, and Allah and His Messenger spoke the truth.' And it increased them only in faith and acceptance" (Al-Ahzab: 22-21).

Thus was the declaration of the Khilafah and the establishment of the Islamic State, based on knowledge of the reality, a clear vision of the consequences and conclusions, and a willingness to pay the high price to preserve what was achieved by the sacrifices of the ancestors, and a call to continue the matter and be steadfast on it. On this matter, if Allah wills, the Amirul-Muminin Shaykh Abu Ibrahim al-Qurashi and his soldiers will proceed, believing in the promise of Allah the Exalted, conducting jihad for His sake, and remaining steadfast until we meet Him while He is pleased with us. "And Allah will surely support those who support Him. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might" (Al-Hajj: 40).